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Submit an Article!

Send March newsletter submissions by February 2nd to stephaniec@nwlansing.org

Angel Food Ministries (AFM) Program

If you're struggling to feed your family every month, you may be interested in participating in the **Angel Food Ministries Food Program**. Everyone is eligible to participate! You pay \$30.00 (cash or food stamps) up front and then at the end of the month, you pick up your food package (value \$60-\$75) at one of their convenient pick-up locations. Thanks to a generous donation from the Westside Neighborhood Association to the NorthWest Initiative, we are able to assist needy families (those who live within the boundaries of the Westside Neighborhood Association area) with a one-time \$15.00 contribution towards the cost of a \$30.00 AFM food package on a first-come, first-serve basis. To find out how you can obtain this special assistance, call Janine at (517) 999-2894. To view the monthly food packages or to get more information about Angel Food Ministries, go to www.angelfoodministries.com.



Food Systems Project Seeks Additional Staff!

The Food Systems Project is seeking an additional staff member to work 25-30 hours a week beginning in February. This staff member will help with program expansion and will work in the following areas:

- ▶ Assisting and leading School Garden Nutrition Education Activities in classrooms (grades K-8) at Riddle Elementary and Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy
- ▶ Assisting in transportation and display of produce at Quality Dairy stores as part of our Corner Store Produce Project
- ▶ Assisting in the development and maintenance of a senior community garden, starting this spring

If you would like to apply or want more information on this position, please contact Joy Baldwin at (517) 999-2894 or e-mail her at joy@nwlansing.org.

NWI Seeks Seniors (55+) to Assist in Part Time Positions

Are you a senior - age 55 or older, considered low to moderate income and looking for a little extra cash? If so, NorthWest Initiative could use your help in assisting with office activities. Part time positions are available for those who fit this requirement. NWI prides themselves on helping out their community. You too could be a part of that! If interested, please contact Peggy at (517) 999-2894.

NorthWest Initiative Kicks Off the Tax Season



February has begun and the tax season is officially here! NorthWest Initiative, located in the old Walnut school (**1012 N. Walnut St., in Lansing**), will again be hosting a VITA tax site. Certified IRS tax preparers will be assisting those who are considered low to moderate income and will be using the 1040, 1040EZ and the 1040A. If you are interested in

taking advantage of this great opportunity, all you need to do is contact 2-1-1 and set up an appointment to have your taxes done for **FREE**. All services are confidential and all returns are electronically filed, which means you will have your refund within ten days.